

# Small Cohort: Good Governance – Building Highly Effective Boards

## ***Table:*** **Informed Decision-Making Questions Asked by Highly Effective Boards**

<b><i>Highly effective boards</i></b>	<b><i>by asking questions like</i></b>
<b>Keep the “Why” front and center</b>	Is this decision advancing self-determination and community integration?
<b>Prioritize lived expertise</b>	What do consumers say about this? Have they shaped this plan?
<b>Use the Right Inputs at the Right Moments</b>	What do we need to know to make the best possible decision in this case?
<b>Know the Line Between Oversight and Operations</b>	Is this a board-level decision? Are we guiding the mission – or managing the staff?
<b>Ask Critical Questions</b>	Who benefits? Who may be left out? Are we unintentionally reinforcing ableism?
<b>Create Space for Deliberation</b>	Are there perspectives we haven’t heard?
<b>Reflect on the Decision</b>	Did it go as planned? Was it the right call? What did we learn?